

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ ANSWER
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 3/19/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-214

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

[Signature]

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Cynthia Marie Clark
Address: 514 Evelyn St., Mooringsport, LA 71060-9757
Office/Position: Mooringsport Village Council / Mooringsport / Caddo
Dates of Service:
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency:

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19004934
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/10/2019
NOD-amend Received: 8/3/2020
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/12/2020
Amendment/Answer Filed: 8/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days late from receipt of NOD: 6
Total days late from initial due date: 461
Late Fee Order Received:
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/24/2021
Waiver Request Received:

COMMENTS:

Ms. Clark is request a Waiver for failure to file her 2018 and 2019 PFD Amendments timely. Ms. Clark stated she initially filed both her disclosures before the May 15th, deadline. She was then asked to amend both her 2018 and 2019 disclosures which she attempted to correct on 8/5/2020. Neither the amendments submitted were correct, so she received two additional Amendment Request as the 8/5/2020 submissions were not compliant. On August 18, 2020 she successfully amended both reports. Ms. Clark stated she regrets that this has happened. However, she does not believe the fees she has been assessed are owed to the Ethics Board and she "disputes the amount being allocated" to her, as she stated she amended the "reports twice within the allotted timeline to prevent such as this happening". Ms. Clark said this is her first experience with holding an elected office and she is diligently and continually learning to become an ethical presiding officer on the council. She asks the Ethics Board to "forgive" her lapse in paperwork, as the clerk does not give much direction on what is necessary to stay above reproach. There are many items she must research herself in regards to the best ethical approach to all of our municipal activities. She stated she cannot afford the total fine of \$600.00, as she is only compensated with a \$50.00 monthly stipend. She works part-time, due to caring for her disabled daughter. During the Covid-19 Pandemic she mail has been slow, to which she contributes not having received such notice in a timely manner.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

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FILER INFORMATION

Name: Cynthia Marie Clark
Address: 514 Evelyn St., Mooringsport, LA 71060-9757
Office/Position: Mooringsport Village Council / Mooringsport / Caddo
Dates of Service: 2017-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 7

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD20004058
Original Due Date: 6/8/2020
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/11/2020
NOD-amend Received: 8/3/2020 - Signed by Mail Carrier BB - Covid-19
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/12/2020
Amendment/Answer Filed: 8/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days late from receipt of NOD: 6
Total days late from initial due date: 71
Late Fee Order Received: 2/4/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/24/2021
Waiver Request Received: 2/5/2021

COMMENTS:

Ms. Clark is requesting a Waiver for failure to file her 2018 and 2019 PFD Amendments timely. Ms. Clark stated she initially filed both her disclosures before the May 15th, deadline. She was then asked to amend both her 2018 and 2019 disclosures which she attempted to correct them. Neither of the amendments submitted on 8/5/2020 were compliant. She was notified on 8/14/2020 and asked to amend the disclosure. On August 18, 2020 she successfully amended both reports. Ms. Clark stated she regrets that this has happened. However, she does not believe the fees she has been assessed are owed to the Ethics Board and she "disputes the amount" as she amended the "reports twice within the allotted timeline to prevent such as this happening". Ms. Clark said this is her first experience holding an elected office (elected 11/6/2018) and she is diligently and continually learning to become an ethical presiding officer on the council. She asks the Ethics Board to "forgive" her lapse in paperwork, as the clerk does not give much direction on what is necessary to "stay above reproach". There are many items she must research herself in regards to the best ethical approach to all of her municipal activities. She stated she cannot afford the total fine of \$600.00, as she is only compensated a \$50.00 monthly stipend and works part-time, as she cares for her disabled daughter. During the Covid-19 Pandemic she noticed the mail has been slow, to which she contributes not having received her notice in a timely manner.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes 2018 \$300
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

ATTN: Ashley Wimberley

Director of Louisiana Board of Ethics

Re: Dispute of assessment, waiver request

ETHICS BOARD REC'D
FEB 5 21 PM 2:13

Dear Director Wimberley,

This letter is in regard to the delinquency fee notice I received through the mail, today, Feb. 4, 2021, for my 2018 & 2019 Ethics Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement Tier 3, in which I submitted on time, by May 10, 2019. Thus, since that time, notification was sent to amend said forms. These were resubmitted on August 4, 2020.

I then received another notice saying the form was invalid and there was a new form to be used. A copy of the Tier 3 form was enclosed within this notice. Upon receipt, August 17, 2020, of the new form version, I immediately faxed the corrected information of the Tier 3 on August 18, 2020. On February 5, 2021 I asked for an appeal, but would ask for your consideration of a waiver if it does not go through as I requested. I have sent this same information to the Executive Secretary of the Ethics Administration.

I regret that this has happened, whereas, I do not believe this fee that you are proposing is owed by me to the Ethics Board. I have amended the said reports twice within the allotted timeline to prevent such as this happening. The time involved was minuscule of receiving the notices and the return faxing, I dispute the amount you are allocating to me.

This is my first experience with holding an elected office and I am diligently and continually learning to become an ethical presiding officer on the council. Please forgive me of this lapse in paperwork, for our clerk does not give much direction on what is necessary to stay above reproach. There are many items I must research myself in regards to the best ethical approach to all of our municipal activities.

I regret that I cannot afford the \$600.00 for this penalty you say I must pay, for my seat is only compensated with a \$50.00 monthly stipend. I work part time, due to caring for my disabled daughter. During the pandemic, mail has been slow, to which I contribute not having received such notice in a timely manner.

Please let me know what your decision is A.S.A.P. Thank you.

Cordially,



Cynthia Clark

Report #PFD20004058 & PFD19004934

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

Cynthia Marie Clark
514 Evelyn St.
Mooringsport, LA 71060-9757



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

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RB

☒ Agent☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

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C. Date of Delivery

8.3.20

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

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3. Service Type

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- ☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail®
- ☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery
- ☐ Collect on Delivery
- ☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery

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